S.No.	*District*	*New Exchanges to be opened (91-92)*	*No. of Exchange to be expanded (91-92)*
44.	Ujjain	7	12
45.	Vidhisha	2	9
		200	570

[English]

Private Sector Participation in Telecommunications

3881. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has the sole monoply of controlling and running telephone and telecommunications services in the country; and

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to promote the Indian manufacturers producing large size exchanges i.e. MAX in view of new industrial policy introduced in last July?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, as regards the manufactures of equipments, as per the new industrial policy, no licence/permission is required for the manufacture of large size exchanges i.e. MAX.

Renovation/Modernisation of Power Station

3882. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to renovate and modernise old power stations in the country in order to augment power-generation capacity; and

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be spent and the details of power stations to be taken up for renovation in different states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total estimated cost for Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) Programme (Phase-I and II scheme) is Rs. 1222.88 crores and Rs. 1260.06 crores covering 34 and 46 old thermal power stations, respectively. Details of these stations, in different states, are given in Statements-I and II attached. In so far as Hydro Power Stations are concerned, the estimated cost of R&M works of 66 stations is Rs. 1171 crores. Details of Hydro station proposed for R&M in different states are given in the enclosed Statement-III.